

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Strange Mission

THE Japanese Foreign Minister may have good reasons for wanting to visit Washington but they are certainly not apparent. The Japanese press is equally bewildered and the composition of Mr Shigemitsu's delegation—which includes a Junior Democratic Party official—adds to the mystery. It is difficult to believe that any negotiations necessary at present could not be undertaken by normal diplomatic processes.

There is some face-saving involved; it will be recalled that Washington brusquely rejected a suggested visit earlier this year ostensibly because of the busy schedule of the Secretary of State, but more truthfully because the State Department had been stung by a recent display of arrogance towards America.

But Mr Shigemitsu is not travelling a few thousand miles simply to save face. There are, according to Press reports, a number of questions he wants to discuss, chief among them defence. But he has no concrete plans or proposals. Probably he wants to assure Mr Dulles that Japan will meet its obligations although just how it will no one has any clear idea.

The Army has started flower decoration classes, folk dances and ballad singing to entice recruits into the ranks but this has hardly increased the enthusiasm of Japanese youth for a career in the widely-despised armed services. Only three per cent of the national budget has been allocated for defence; nor can more be expected. Mr Shigemitsu will certainly have his work cut out trying to persuade Mr Dulles that Japan is doing its best.

MILITARISTS vying with politicians for control of the Army want modern planes, guided missiles, rockets and naval vessels; Mr Shigemitsu might also press for these but justifiably Mr Dulles will want assurances first that there are sufficient men to man them.

On the whole Japan's dilatory and half-hearted attitude to defence is a sharp disappointment to Washington. The Secretary of Defence, Mr Charles Wilson, barely conceals his contempt by announcing that he will be "out of town" on a long delayed holiday during Mr Shigemitsu's visit.

Dominating the talks will be Japan's internal political problems. It is the chief concern of both countries. Mr Shigemitsu, with the help of Mr Kishi, the party official accompanying him, will try to convince Mr Dulles that the Hatoyama Democrats have a splendid future and deserve maximum support from America.

Washington may be justifiably sceptical and while the Japanese will emphasise the need for aid to sustain and consolidate their government, the State Department may prefer to reverse the order of priorities and demand an improvement of the political position before granting further aid.

Your Week-end Reading

Tomorrow's big 20-page China Mail brings you another well-balanced diet of the best week-end reading available in Hongkong.

In it you'll find the light and bright, the best of current newspaper serials being published in the London dailies, news about films and filmstars, news for women and children, cartoons and comic strips, and all on his own — and exclusively in the China Mail.

Here are two of the highlights in tomorrow's Mail:

★ Russell Spurr, Daily Express correspondent, tells how he fell foul of the secret police in People's China.

★ Les Armour writes a profile of the great historian, Arnold Toynbee.

There are only some of the highlights. Don't forget there are all the regular features as well, including Jane Roberts' film reviews, three pages of local and overseas pictures, news for sportsmen — all in the China Mail.

McCarthy
On The
Warpath
Again

Washington, Aug. 25. Senator Joseph McCarthy, Republican, Wisconsin, today accused the Republican administration of "appeasement, retreat and surrender" to Communism in the Far East.

Senator McCarthy's office here issued a statement which his secretary said was dictated a week ago before the Senator left for his home in Wisconsin. "I contend that the record of the past 2½ years shows that the Eisenhower administration at the beginning of every crisis took a strong position but eventually fell back in the face of Communist pressure and settled back into the old appeasement role," Senator McCarthy said.

EXAMPLES LISTED

Senator McCarthy listed these examples of what he called appeasement: signing the Korean armistice in face of the fact that US military leaders said "all-out victory" was possible for the United Nations forces; agreeing to hand over the northern half of the Vietnam to Ho Chi-minh's Communists despite earlier warnings against the danger of the loss of Indo-China; ordering the Chinese Nationalists to "hand over" the Tachen Islands to the Communists.

VIOLATES AGREEMENTS

Despite overwhelming passage of the Formosa defence resolution recent developments added up to a conclusion that the offshore islands "would not be defended," Senator McCarthy said.

The current Geneva talks between the United States and China violated US agreements with Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government, he said.—Reuter.

Wife Assaults
A Grandmother

New York, Aug. 25. A tall shapely 24-year-old blonde was accused today of assaulting a 64-year-old grandmother in whose bedroom she allegedly found her husband.

Mrs Katherine Luther was paroled in her own recognisance after her arraignment on the assault charge, brought by Mrs Florence Davis, a small, white-haired woman who charged she was on the receiving end in the bedroom altercation earlier today.

The third principal in the slightly unbalanced triangle was the blonde's husband, Edward Luther, 29. All three live in a rooming house.—United Press.

Persecution Mania
Case Of Suicide

London, Aug. 25. A leading London heart specialist, Dr Eliot Mackworth, stabbed himself to death with a knife because he was suffering from persecution mania, a London inquest was told today.

Dr Mackworth, found dead in his bathroom on Tuesday with a large knife in his heart, thought that his drinks were being drugged and that code references were being made to him in the daily press, said a

psychiatrist who had been treating him as a voluntary patient. He also thought that various organisations were plotting against his welfare, the witness added. "At first he thought there was some sort of faction in the hospital allied to this organisation."

The specialist, Dr O. O'Connell, was asked: "If he had done this to somebody else instead of himself would you give evidence which would send him to Broadmoor (criminal lunatic asylum) rather than elsewhere?"

Dr O'Connell replied: "Yes sir."

He knew he was mentally ill and that as time went on the chance of recovery grew less, the specialist also said.

Dr Mackworth, aged 44, ran his own practice as a consultant in the London West End and was also attached to several hospitals.

"The coroner returned a verdict that he killed himself not being of sound mind,"—China Mail Special.

Creation Of
"Throne Council"
Proposed

Aix-Les-Bains, France, Aug. 25. The present Sultan and French Resident-General M. Gilbert Grandval both appeared on the way out in a compromise shaping up tonight at the crucial conference to stop the bloodshed in Morocco.

Conference sources predicted its success as the meeting neared its end. They said that an "agreement in principle" already appeared to have been hammered out between the French Cabinet Committee headed by Premier Edgar Faure and the Moroccan leaders.

The spectre of the bloody insurrections that now have cost more than 1,800 lives still hung over the meetings at this fashionable spa.

Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Moulay Arafa is expected to be largely replaced by a "Throne Council" under the compromise plan. Some sources even predicted that he would resign outright in the next three or four days rather than stay on as some pale figurehead.

But M. Grandval is likely to go, too, informed sources said. He already has offered his resignation. It is up to the French Cabinet to decide whether it will now accept it as a part of the programme of changes in the strategic protectorate.

The 51-year-old Alsacian, noted for his toughness, has been on the job for only two months. But he has become a symbolic object of hate for right-wing Democrats in Paris and French settlers on the spot who oppose the reform programme he was sent to carry out.

M. Faure forced some hard decisions and considerable political danger in pushing through any reform plan that touches the present Sultan. And M. Grandval's resignation might help push it through by placating the revolvers in the right wing of his Government majority.

M. Faure and his inner Cabinet of French Ministers met today with leaders of the Istiqlal (Independence) Party for the first time. It marked the most important point of the conference.

THE COMPROMISE

An Istiqlal spokesman hinted afterwards that his delegation might not insist on the return to the throne of former Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef, now in exile at Madagascar.

That was part of the compromise shaping up here. Establishment of the proposed Throne Council would leave open the question of who is legal Sultan in Morocco, informed sources said. Ben Youssef also would probably be allowed to live in France.

Grandval Aide
Resigns

Rabat, Aug. 25. General Leblanc, Director of the Interior under Resident-General Grandval, submitted his resignation today. It was officially announced here tonight.

Press reports said that Leblanc's request to be relieved of his duties was motivated by a policy disagreement. It was said he felt that Grandval had given too much weight to the views presented by Moroccan nationalists.—France-Press.

A powerful group of right-wingers already has demanded the recall of Parliament before October to debate what is happening in North Africa. And they form part of the right-centre coalition on which M. Faure based his Cabinet.

World War II air ace M. Pierre Clostermann provided a sidelight to the struggle today when he announced his resignation from an Assembly group of Social Republicans—the remnant lot of the Party formerly headed by General Charles de Gaulle.

M. Clostermann moved to Morocco several years ago and went into business there. But when he began advocating a policy of conciliation, many of his French friends cut him and unknown persons made a bomb attempt on his life.

DEFENDER OF LIES The former Gaullists, and especially group President M. Raymond Schmitte, have been opposing the policy of M. Grandval in Morocco. M. Clostermann said bitterly in his resignation letter to M. Schmitte today.

"Our group, through you and certain of our Ministers, has seemed to make itself the defender of lies and sordid interests. This means and needless policy has led the Government to call up 50,000 men. The lessons of 'Lost China' and 'Lost India' are before us."—China Mail Special.

Lady Boyle,
TV Star,
Marries

London, Aug. 25. Viscountess Catherine Boyle, British television beauty, daughter of an Italian marquis, was married quietly at a London registry office today to Captain Greville Bayliss, racehorse owner and Lloyd underwriter.

They flew to Italy for a 10-day honeymoon. The 27-year-old bride was divorced by Viscount Boyle, heir to the Earl of Shannon, last April on grounds of desertion. They had been married seven years and had no children.

Lady Boyle, London fashion model, jumped to television fame when she was spotlighted in a series introducing international beauties. She appeared on American radio and television this year. She is the daughter of Marquis Demetrio Imperiali di Francia Francavilla.—China Mail Special.

India's Robin Hood
Bandit Slain

New Delhi, Aug. 25. India's fierce and fabulous Robin Hood bandit Man Singh has been killed, it was learned today. The cultured 61-year-old desperado who turned murderer under the blessing of a vengeful mother, died in his jungle "kingdom" of north-central India where he led an outlaw army of more than 5,000 men.

He was India's public enemy No. 1 and its most notorious outlaw.

Few renegades in history, including Sicily's Salvatore Giuliano, matched his exploits or drew such fire from an exasperated Government. The combined Police forces of four Indian States had been operating against Man Singh for the last four years.

The Government has been spending 50,000 rupees a month to fight the Man Singh gang. With his hideouts amid the ravines of Chambal in the State of Malhya Bharat, Man Singh was the most feared man in the Indian underworld.

10,000 SYMPATHISERS

He had an estimated 10,000 sympathisers in the 6,000-square-mile area where he held sway with his army of outlaws.

He dedicated the last years of his life to murdering, terrorising and blackmailing the wealthy and giving to the poor.

Among his followers he was known as "king". According to Government records, Man Singh was responsible for 403 murders, 2,000 robberies and 120 cases of kidnapping in 1954.

Daily the Indian Press carried reports of further crimes by his outlaws. In his forest fastness Man Singh lived in the Rajput fashion of ancient Indian kings.

The stocky, five-foot-muscle bandit was a proud and much-loved Thakur, the Rajput fighting caste.

Though he destroyed life, he was a deeply religious man who carried always the Hindu prayer books, the Ramayana, the Gita and Hanuman Chalisa.

ANTI-JEWISH
POGROM IN
MOROCCO

Mazagan, Morocco, Aug. 25. Hundreds of Jews forced to leave their homes during a violent pogrom by a crazed Arab mob were housed today in a sports palace on the edge of this coastal city southwest of Casablanca.

Many members of the 2,800-strong Jewish community said their only hope now was to emigrate to Israel. Because of the growing number of anti-Jewish incidents in Morocco, urgent appeals were sent to Tel-Aviv.

Officials said eight persons were killed and 30 wounded in afternoon. Officials began rounding up the Jews whose homes were still habitable.—United Press.

Some 1,400 Jews were evacuated from the Mellah (Jewish quarter) when the riots began. About 200 lost their homes as the mob, incited by frenzied women, pillaged and burned through the Mellah. About 40 homes and shops were destroyed.

Today sad groups of Jews could be seen poking about in the ruins of their property. Many said they now had nothing left.

Medical services were established immediately during the riots and infants were rushed to the hospital. About 200 mothers and children under two were housed on the second floor of the sports palace while about 1,100 bedded down on the ground floor.

The American Joint Distribution Agency, the French Red Cross and other groups sent food to them. Rescue workers have prepared some 3,000 meals and 300 babies bottles a day.

New Wage
Claim To Be
Contested

London, Aug. 25. British industrial leaders met in London today to consider a wage claim by three million engineering workers which would cost about £100,000,000 in a year.

The new claim had been submitted by the 38 unions affiliated to the giant Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions and is understood to be for an increase of about 10 per cent on all pay packets.

The engineering workers were already granted an increase last March which added £70,000,000 to the annual wage bill and employers are expected to fight the new claim, particularly after recent government appeals to keep down prices to maintain Britain's position in world markets.

A warning that the new claim might lead to unemployment was given a few days ago by Sir William Grant, chairman of the Engineers Employers Association in Western England.

"We are reaching breaking point not only in the engineering industry but in the country as a whole," he then said. "We cannot go on giving more and more for less and less."—Reuter.

Surrender
Ultimatum
To Rebels

Khartoum, Aug. 25. The Governor-General of the Sudan, Sir Knox Helm today ordered Sudanese mutineers to surrender without resistance and gave them 24 hours to reply.

He made the surrender call in a message to mutinous troops of the Sudan defence force on his return here from London.

He promised a "full and fair investigation" of the mutineers' grievances and said they would be treated as military prisoners.—Reuter.

STILL IN CONTROL

Cairo, Aug. 25. Northern Sudanese families continued to stream into Khartoum from the rebellion-ridden South, where mutineers appeared to be in control of most of the area, reports reaching here said today.

These reports said the Bar el Ghazal Province was at present in the hands of the Southern administration following the departure of the Northern Sudanese Governor and his staff.

Bar el Ghazal's capital, Wau, was occupied by Southern troops and police composed of the Latok, Zande and Dinka tribes famed for their hatred of the North Sudanese, the reports added.

DOCUMENTS SEIZED

The Sudan government seized important rebel documents, including one from the Zande tribe chief, urging a "slaughter" of North Sudanese, the reports added. They said wireless messages from the mutineers have also been intercepted, calling for tribal reinforcements and requesting the advice of British officials formerly in charge of the Southern Sudanese province and now working in nearby Uganda border districts.

The reports claimed that a Southern Sudanese Member of Parliament, Kifardaneke Adeng, crossed the border into Uganda following the outbreak of the mutiny and has not returned since.—United Press.

Terrorists Active

Saigon, Aug. 25. Unidentified terrorists tonight blew up three petrol pumps. No casualties were reported.—France-Press.

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Mill Workers
Demonstrate

Calcutta, Aug. 25. Workers clashed with police today in four mills at Howrah, near Calcutta, during demonstrations against proposals to slash state insurance contributions from their pay.

Three demonstrators, a police officer and a mill official were injured, police reported. The demonstrators took mill managers and senior officials prisoners and cut telephone lines.—Reuter.

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US MAY BALANCE BUDGET

Treasury Secretary Unable To Forecast Tax Cuts

Washington, Aug. 25.
Mr George Humphrey, Secretary of the Treasury, announced today that, excluding some unforeseen development, the United States should be able to balance its budget this year.

Mr Humphrey, introducing the Budget Bureau's mid-year revised estimates, said the anticipated deficit for fiscal 1956, originally estimated at \$2,400 million had been reduced to \$1,700 million, the lowest deficit estimate in the last five fiscal years.

"Barring some unforeseen development, we think we should, and that we can, balance the budget this year," Mr Humphrey said.

Mr Humphrey added at a press conference that he could not at the moment forecast any income tax cuts next year—presidential election year—because the first objective was to balance the budget as one check to inflation.

"These are times when the Government, business and individuals alike should exercise prudence in both public and private expenditures," he said.

"Today, Americans are enjoying new peaks of prosperity of employment, production and income—setting new records in many lines."

"But this simply emphasises the need for wisdom and restraint, as well as courage, in both public and private affairs."

The estimated budget deficit of \$1,700 million for fiscal 1956 compared with actual budget deficits of \$4,200 million in 1955; \$3,100 million in 1954; and \$3,400 million in 1953.

Prerequisites
The Budget Bureau estimated that 61 per cent of every budget dollar during 1956 would be spent on major national security projects such as the military, mutual security program, atomic energy and stockpiling.

The current estimate for total budget expenditure of \$63,800 million for fiscal 1956 compared with \$64,600 million in 1955; \$67,800 million in 1954; and \$74,300 million in 1953.

The Budget Bureau stressed in its review that maintenance of booming prosperity in the United States headed the list of prerequisites for a balanced budget.—Reuter.

Current Estimate
A balanced budget for fiscal 1956 required only a three per cent cut in estimated expenditures. Mr Humphrey said. The current estimate is for an expenditure of \$63,800 million, against estimated receipts of \$62,100 million.

"In times like the present, with the highest employment and the most jobs ever in the history of this country, the highest personal disposable income, and records in profits, wages, earnings, and production, if there is ever a time when our budget should be balanced it is now," he added.

"Under these circumstances, it does seem that enough more unnecessary expenditures can be found so that with care and close planning by all departments in Government a reduction of only three per cent in expenditures can properly be made while continuing to strengthen our military security and without lessening in any appreciable degree the proper standards of service which should be rendered to the public."

"Every effort will be made by everyone in Government service to accomplish this result."

Cautionary Note
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Shipyard Strikers' Threat Protest Marches Through Hamburg

Hamburg, Aug. 25.
Striking German shipyard workers tonight threatened protest marches through the heart of Hamburg after the management of the Howaldt Werke shipyards announced they were dismissing their total labour force of 9,000 workers who downed tools yesterday in a "wildcat strike."

The strike committee said it would make every effort to spread the strike movement to all West German shipyards.

NATO STRENGTHENED BY WEST GERMANY

Washington, Aug. 25.
The Mutual Security Administration (MSA) reported today that the NATO community was greatly strengthened in the first half of 1955 by ratification of the treaties bringing Germany into the Atlantic family of free nations.

In its final semi-annual report to the Congress, MSA said: "The addition of Germany to the Atlantic community on a basis of full and equal partnership was a most important event not only because it makes possible a more powerful NATO deterrent force; but even more, it establishes the framework for a new unity so that nations long separated by ancient rivalries can work together for a durable peace."

The MSA turned over its duties on July 1 to the new International Co-operation Administration, but its last report was made public only today.

The MSA reported that the high levels of economic activity reached by most European nations during 1954 have been maintained and, in some instances, surpassed in 1955.

Big Problems
"Industrial production for Europe as a whole set a new record in the first half of the year," it said. "Certain financial strains were in evidence in particular countries but on the whole the European economic boom was still flourishing."

The report said difficult problems, both economic and military, lay ahead in Europe. "Problems of trade restrictions, convertibility, dependence on United States special dollar expenditures, making the new Western European community into an effective operating organisation, to cite a few," it continued.

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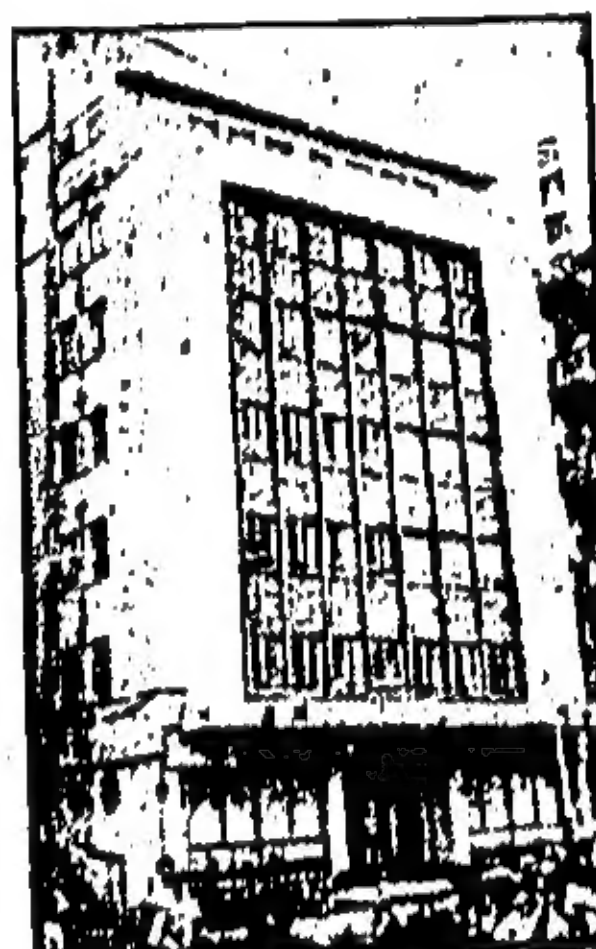
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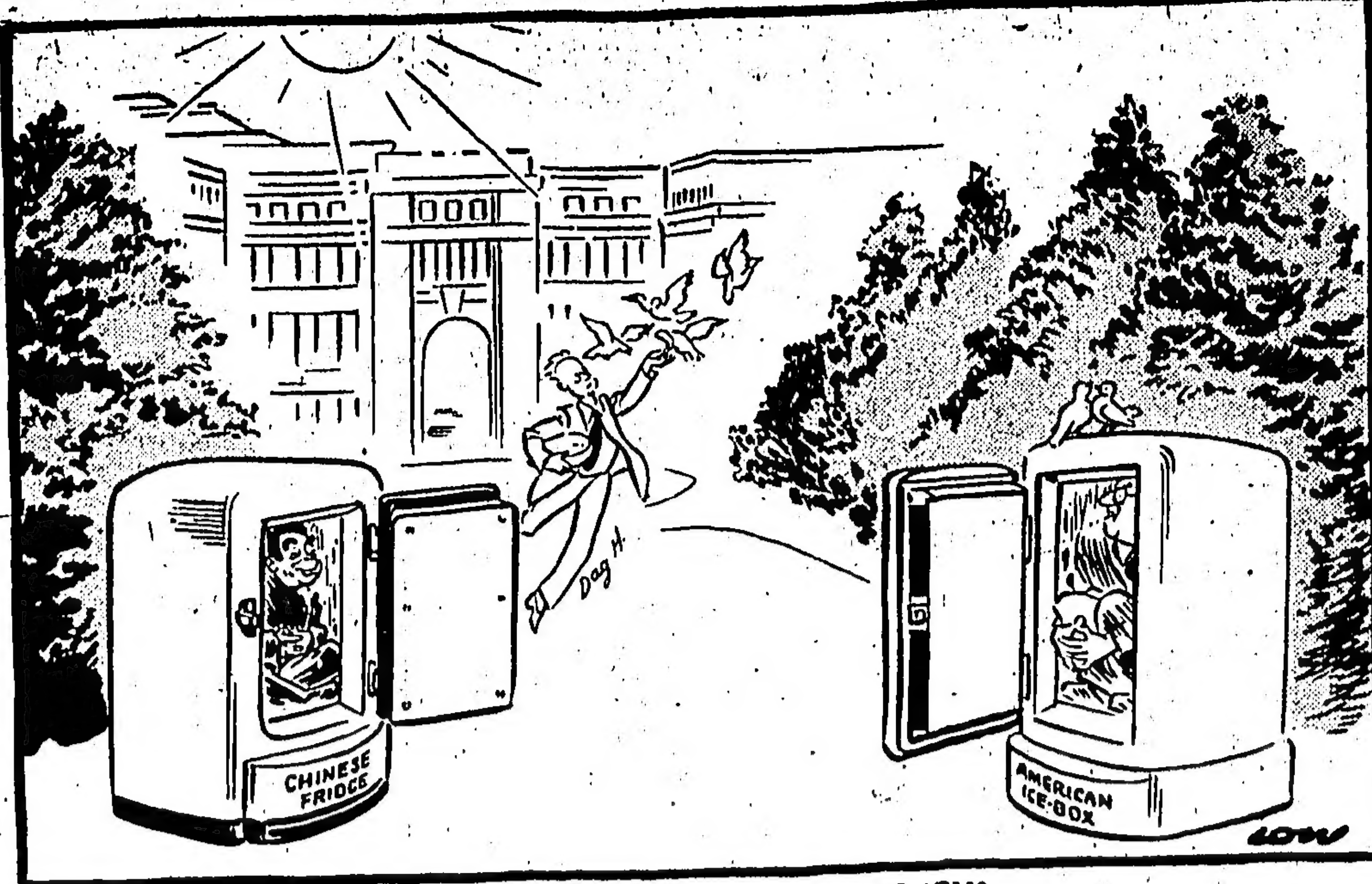
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MELTING MOMENTS AT GENEVA

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IT'S not only at sea that the sailorman runs against sharks; he sometimes meets them ashore. Here is a case in point. On the voyage home I had contracted a bad bout of malaria and on arriving at Liverpool was ordered by the doctor to take three months' leave. I certainly felt that I needed it, for my illness had pulled me down a lot and the healthy tan of the sea had turned to a pallor that befitted a man living a sedentary life rather than one who spent his days at sea.

I came to London and booked a room in a small hotel. I wanted to forget all about ships for a time and explore the city. Do you know Baker Street station? There is a large buffet just inside the ticket barrier. One dull, rainy morning I was standing outside that buffet uncertain whether to take a bus or taxi to my hotel. While I was pondering a man came up to me, took hold of my arm, and almost before I was aware of what was happening had piloted me inside the buffet, up to the bar, and called for two double whiskies.

A mistake?

"You're a bit early, old man, aren't you?" he said as he raised his glass. "I think you've made a mistake. I don't know you from Adam."

"That's splendid, old man, keep it up," was his astonishing reply.

What on earth did the fellow mean? Was he mad or was it a case of mistaken identity? I hadn't touched my glass, so when he said, "Drink up, old man," I said, "I'm not in the habit of drinking with strangers," and made for the door. But he caught hold of my arm, and from his inside pocket extracted a small packet. "This is from the chief," he said as he handed it to me.

I refused to take it and pulling a letter out of my case I pointed to the name and address. "That's me," I said. "I received this this morning." He read the name and address with interest, then gave me a look of admiration and with a smile said "Damned clever, old man, worthy of the chief himself."

Probably the man had mistaken me for someone he had taken me for years. I gave him the benefit of the doubt and blood drinking with him for a few minutes. My raincoat had been lying on the bar while we talked. When I said I must be going he handed me the coat with, I thought, rather an elaborate gesture. I did not put it on but slipped it over my arm. Shaking hands we parted.

The package

As I was proceeding along the street it started to rain, so I slipped the coat on. Digging my hands into the pockets, as is my habit, I touched something in one of them. Taking it out, I saw it was the brown envelope the man had tried to get me to take. It was no good going back to the station for he left with me; so, putting it back in my pocket, I made for my hotel.

In my room I took the package and examined it. It was a long, brown envelope, sealed at each end with black wax, and instead of a name and address it had printed in ink the words

• Sharks ashore can be more dangerous than sharks at sea... but is this story FACT or FICTION? The Answer will be published tomorrow



"Who the devil are you?" he roared.

by
Cdr. A. B. CAMPBELL

TRUE or false, Commander A. B. Campbell has always been relied upon to tell a good story. He was an original member of the British Staff, Campbell was born in London, where he was educated at St. John's Grammar School, and now lives in St. John's Wood. He is married and has two sons. He is now in the Merchant Service.

"From the Chief," I was just about to open it when it struck me that the whole business was queer, so I decided to have a witness when it was opened. I telephoned the manager and asked him to come to my room for a few minutes. Soon he was with me and I proceeded to open the mysterious package. I told him how I became possessed of it, so he also was interested in the contents. I prised off the sealing wax with my penknife and inserting a pencil under the flap opened it without fear of the police. I looked inside. To my astonishment I was packed with Treasury and Bank of England notes. I did not touch them nor count them, I was so amazed.

I knew quite well that it was my duty to take this to the police station, but the hotel manager had other ideas. "If I were you I should take it to Scotland Yard. There's something fishy about the whole affair," was his comment.

I agreed with him and in a short time I was inside the famous building sitting at a desk opposite to an inspector, telling my story. When I laid the package on his desk he did not take it up in his hand, but picked it up with a pair of tweezers and peered inside. "Have you removed these contents?" he asked.

"No, they are just as they were when I opened the package," I replied.

"Good. He rang a bell and a constable entered. I noticed he was wearing a white coat.

was wearing white cotton gloves.

"Take this package to the examination room and let me know at once if there is any message," the inspector asked me many questions about my strange encounter; I described the man, but could think of little of his conversation.

"Did he make any appointment with you?"

"No, but as we parted he said: 'See you on Monday,' which was, of course, Greek to me."

The constable returned with the package and handed it to the inspector with a note. I noticed that neither had touched the package with their bare hands and supposed it was to avoid extra fingerprints appearing on it.

After reading the note the inspector said: "Are you free on Monday morning?" "I am," I replied.

"In the package is a message telling you to be at a certain address on Monday at 9.30 to meet the chief. Can you keep the appointment?"

"Who is this chief. Do you know him?"

"Our research department think you have been mistaken for a man who came out of Dartmoor Prison last Friday after serving a sentence of ten years."

He reached down a large book from a shelf above his desk and turned up a photograph—two in fact—one full-faced and the other in profile. I looked at them with interest. There certainly was a resemblance to me and I wasn't feeling too pleased about it. The inspector told me the man was the scapegoat for some "big shot" and to mollify me somewhat, assured me that he might well be described as a "gentleman crook."

"But why do you want me to help?" I asked.

"You will be the decoy," he replied. "You see the chief is expecting you. He was one of the men in the swindle—in fact, the leader. He is still actively engaged in international frauds, and with your help we may net him."

"All right, I'll help."

"You will have to call at an office in Holborn Viaduct at 9.30. The name of the firm is Ayling and Company, and the chief will be there to receive you. When you get to the office, remember when you face him to keep the doorway clear. I will see that you are well protected."

"What about this package?"

"Leave it with me. If it isn't claimed in three months, then it is legally your property."

I shook hands and his constable's friend, "See you on Monday."

Monday morning found me walking along Holborn Viaduct.

I passed many men making for their offices but did not see one that looked a bit like a detective. I went over again the inspector's instructions. I must leave the door open in the room of the chief, and stand clear of it as well. I reached Number Three, Two roadsweeper were outside and they gave me a cheery "Good-day, sir," as I passed. I read the address Ayling & Co., Third Floor, and as there was no lift in the building commenced to climb the stairs. At the first landing I had a feeling that I was being followed. I quickly turned and looked back and there were the two roadsweepers sneaking up after me. It gave me a queer feeling I can tell you.

Handcuffed

Outside the door of the office I felt a trifle nervous. What was I letting myself in for? Where was the ample protection I was promised? Well, there was no turning back; so I rapped on the door and walked in. It was an outer office and standing behind the counter was the stranger I met at Baker Street station. "Good morning, sir," he said. "The chief is expecting you."

A voice from the inner room bawled, "Come right in," so I opened the door, left it open, and faced the chief. He rose to greet me with extended hand, but as soon as he had taken a good look at me he roared, "Who the devil are you?" and dropped his hand towards a drawer beneath the desk. But he was too late. Everything seemed to happen at once. The two roadsweepers who had followed me burst in and overpowered the man and almost before I was aware of it they had him handcuffed and on the floor. I then heard a rumour of a rumpus in the outer office and saw two policemen acquaintance. It was all over in a matter of seconds. The Black Maria standing outside took them off.

A letter

The subsequent trial and conviction of this group of swindlers is no part of this story. Three months later I received a letter from the inspector at Scotland Yard asking me to call at my convenience. Arriving there he handed me the brown package intact.

"There has been no claim put in, so that parcel and contents are legally yours," I took the parcel and thanked him.

I can only add that shark hunting ashore proved more lucrative than at sea, for my bank account was the richer by exactly one hundred and fifty pounds.

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INSIDE THE PEOPLE'S CHINA

Floods, Traitors Worry Hankow

By RUSSELL SPURR

HANKOW had two worries. The Yangtze and Hu Feng. The river had stopped rising when I arrived, so the arrested author was Worried Number One.

At least, until the next heavy rains. . . .

Hu Feng lived for years in the Triple City. He became quite a post-revolutionary showpiece. There was loud applause in the local papers on his appointment, less than a year ago, to the National People's Congress.

What consternation there must have been when someone discovered Hu Feng had always been a traitor. He had spent the most profitable years of his life, not writing rousing revolutionary books as everyone imagined, but secretly undermining the revolution!

I heard as much of the story as any foreigner probably will while chugging across the Yangtze in a private ferry steamer. The river was boiling past, a torrent of tea-coloured water, while rain showers filled uncertainly from bank to bank. My guide nodded towards the uneven Hankow skyline and said: "Traitors are everywhere. Many thousands will have to be liquidated."

That was all. That was enough.

The rest of the picture, the closed police vans, the armed gendarmes, the interrogations, confessions and showpiece trials, would later be filled in to order.

Yangtze Bridge

The little steamer ploughed slowly through the swollen river. It was British built, I noticed, probably part of the unwinding inheritance we have bequeathed to China.

The hooper piped importantly at passing junks. But the junkmen weren't overawed. They leaved out from under their great patched sails making irreverent gestures.

How good to see someone retaining a little old-fashioned cussedness.

Further upstream two nests derelicts were sprouting from the water, close to either bank. Work was being rushed ahead on the long-planned Yangtze Bridge.

My guide pointed it out with considerable satisfaction.

"The Russian older brothers have discovered the socialist technique for speeding construction," he told me.

This translated, meant the Soviet technical advisers had urged the use of a method first employed by a German firm in South America thirty years ago. They claimed to have invented, of course, along with radar, the jet plane and the bicycle.

The old-new method will do away with costly caissons. Holes will be drilled directly into the rock bed beneath. Concrete piles will be squeezed directly into the drillings to bear the burden of the biggest bridge in China.

The rail bridge which will do away with the cross river ferry is scheduled for earlier ferry crossings to run over the top should be completed one year later.

The Chinese Communist Press has dutifully praised the speed with which the project is being pushed through. Indeed there is no doubt of its economic importance.

Buzzing Flies

The good new days, unfortunately, have little else to their credit. Except perhaps the posters and the billboards urging everyone to seek out traitors like Hu Feng.

Hankow looks as depressed as any other Chinese city. A lack of paint and repairs revives the atmosphere of wartime Britain. But Britain as it might have been if the war had gone on another ten years.

The streets were unusually dirty. So was the one State store I visited. Flies were actually buzzing over the grubby showcases without a soul trying to catch them.

The Communist hygiene odors seemed, for once, to have been bypassed. Perhaps the purge was keeping Party officials too busy. There was probably the same administrative paralysis as in Shanghai, where everyone was sitting around trying to root out his neighbour's innermost thoughts.

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SELECTION OF ROY SWETMAN FOR PAKISTAN TOUR CAUSES BIG SURPRISE

London, Aug. 25.

The MCC today announced the party of 15 players who will undertake the short cricket tour of Pakistan this winter. The side, a nice blend of youth and experience, is:

D. B. Carr (Derbyshire), captain, W. Sutcliffe (Yorkshire), vice-captain, P. Richardson (Worcestershire), A. J. Watkins (Glamorgan), K. Barrington (Surrey), D. B. Close (Yorkshire), M. J. Cowan (Yorkshire), P. J. Loader (Surrey), A. E. Moss (Middlesex), J. N. Parks (Sussex), P. Sainsbury (Hampshire), H. W. Stephenson (Somerset), R. Swetman (Surrey), E. Titmus (Middlesex), Manager—C. G. Howard (Lancashire).

The big surprise is the selection of Roy Swetman, the 21-year-old Surrey reserve wicket-keeper, who has played no more than nine Championship matches in his career.

Yet many knowledgeable critics have described Swetman as a certain England wicket-keeper of the future. Swetman is a short, neat keeper and a useful batsman. Everything he does has a confident air and Surrey are fortunate to have such a capable deputy in reserve when a capable deputy is needed.

EXPERIENCE

Eight of the side have played in Test cricket, Carr, Watkins, Barrington, Close, Loader, Moss,

Parks and Titmus, and of the remaining seven, Tomkin, the attractive Leicestershire batsman, and Stephenson, the Somerset wicket-keeper, have considerable experience.

The party contains five batsmen, Sutcliffe, Richardson, Barrington, Parks and Tomkin; four all-rounders, Carr, Watkins, Close and Titmus; four other bowlers, Cowan, Loader, Moss and Sainsbury, and two wicket-keepers, Stephenson and Swetman.

Presumably the opening batsmen on the tour will be Close, Richardson and Sutcliffe, and their form is certain to be watched closely with England still

searching for suitable men for that position.

Sutcliffe, the vice-captain, will gain valuable experience before taking over the leadership of Yorkshire next season.

Like Watkins and Close, Richardson, who is just completing his national service, is a left-handed batsman.

The attack contains four fast or medium fast bowlers in Cowan and Watkins, both left arm, Loader and Moss. The spinners will be in the hands of Sainsbury (slow left-arm), Titmus and Close (off-breakers) and Carr (left handed "assorted").

VALUABLE SERVICE

Maurice Tomkin has at last obtained recognition for his years of valuable service to Leicestershire. On the hard pitches likely to be experienced in Pakistan, Tomkin's hard hitting, would be a big success. This season, he has been in great form and he celebrated his choice by scoring 121 today against Middlesex at Lords. Tomkin needs only 19 runs to complete his 2,000 for this season.

Harold Stephenson has been one of the most consistent wicketkeepers since he made his debut in 1948. Not only is he a splendid stumper but he is also a powerful hitter. Stephenson has already had experience in the East for he toured India with the Commonwealth team in 1950-51.

Ken Barrington, who played in two of the Tests against South Africa this summer, should benefit a good deal from the tour and he may well be ready to take his place in the full England team next year.

Jim Parks is sure to be a big attraction with his style of batting. Indeed, the side generally, looked well stocked with free-scoring batsmen.

Carr and Watkins were both members of the MCC side which toured India, Pakistan and Ceylon in the winter of 1951-52 and their knowledge of conditions and opponents should be most valuable. Watkins has been appointed senior professional of the party.

YOUNGER PLAYERS

Of the younger players, considerable interest will be taken in the form of Sainsbury and Cowan. Sainsbury, who has taken nearly 100 wickets this summer, has played a big part in the revival of Hampshire.

Cowan's first class appearance has been limited because of national service duties, but whenever he has turned out for Yorkshire since he has taken 38 wickets. He is a lively fast-medium bowler who should find pitches helpful to him in Pakistan.

The party leaves on the "Circassia" on December 3 and flies home from Karachi on March 15. As this will be called an "A" tour, the first of its kind by the MCC, there will be no official Test matches, but four "unofficial" Tests will be played.

The average age of the side is only 26, with Sainsbury and Swetman the "babies" at 21 and Tomkin the veteran at 36.

Here are the ages of the party: Carr (28), Sutcliffe (20), Richardson (24), Watkins (33), Barrington (24), Close (24), Cowan (22), Loader (25), Moss (24), Parks (23), Sainsbury (21), Stephenson (22), Swetman (21), Titmus (22), Tomkin (36).—France-Press.

NBA Approve

Saddler, Elorde Title Match

Manila, Aug. 25. The National Boxing Association of America has approved a title match between featherweight champion Sandy Saddler and Elorde of the Philippines. The Games and Amusements Board announced on Wednesday.

The NBA action thus paved the way for a return match between the negro title holder and the virtually unknown Filipino fighter.

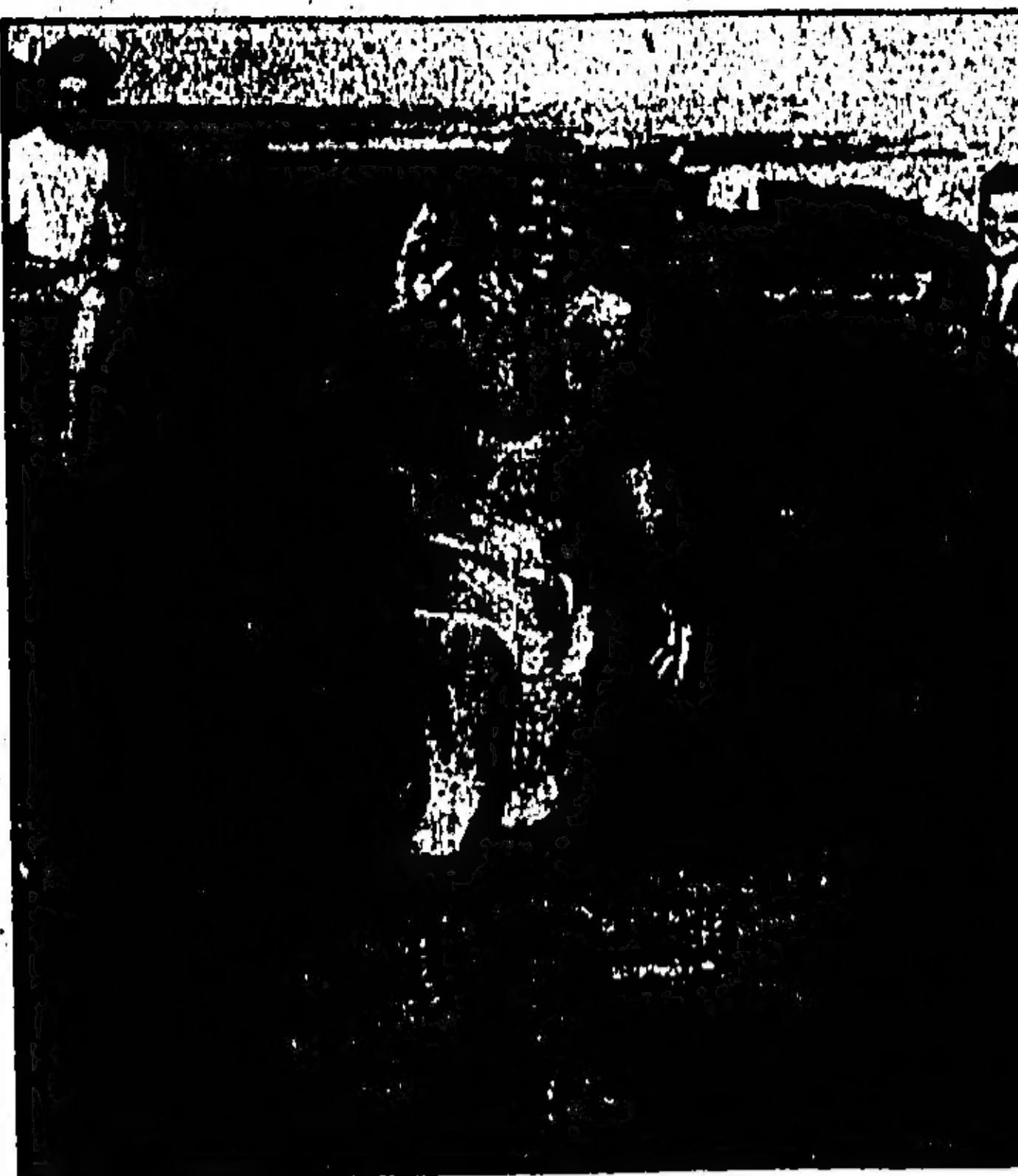
Elorde caught the attention of the boxing world when he won an upset 10 round decision over Saddler last July 20 at the Rival Memorial Coliseum in Manila. Since then Ring Magazine has ranked Elorde seventh among the world's featherweight contenders for Saddler's crown.

There is a black, however; Saddler reportedly wants \$30,000 for a return bout.

It is not yet known whether the Elorde camp would be willing to pay that much.

—France-Press.

CHANNEL SWIM VICTOR



Showing no signs of fatigue as he wades smilingly ashore at Shakespeare Cliff, Dover, after swimming across the Channel from France is Egypt's Abdel Latif Abu Heif. He was first in the race in 11 hours 44 minutes.—Reuterphoto.

Surrey Declare With A Lead Of 98 Against Sussex

London, Aug. 25.

Surrey should be hailed as County Champions for the fourth successive time tomorrow for although Yorkshire are on the road to victory against Essex, Surrey are well placed to beat Sussex in which case they keep four points ahead of Yorkshire who are playing their last match.

Surrey still have two to play.

After their disastrous "last hour" yesterday, when they lost four wickets for 32 in reply to the Sussex total of 245, Surrey rallied today.

This was chiefly due to Bernard Constable (77), Arthur McIntyre (81) and Jim Laker (78 not out).

Some good stands for the various wickets today saw the score mount until Surrey declared with a lead of 98. Barely half an hour remained and Sussex then suffered as had Surrey yesterday, losing two wickets for only 12 runs. Peter May, the England captain, stole the honours of this period with two brilliant slip catches.

SPLENDID FIGURES

Freddie Trueman wrought havoc in the Essex ranks when the home side at Southend, he declared (Livingstone 170, R. Subba-Rao 132).

At Worcester: Worcestershire 334, Gloucestershire 108, Gravesend 61, Flavel, right-arm fast medium, three for 20 and 250 for four (W. Kneale-Smith 64).—Reuter.

Women's Golf Quarter-Final

Charlotte, North Carolina, Aug. 25.

Pot Lesser and Jane Nelson both shot three under par all the way today to crush their opponents and reach the semi-finals of the 55th Women's National Amateur Golf Tournament.

They were joined by Mrs. Scott Probasco and Polly Riley in the day's fast quarter-final. Miss Lesser routed Mrs. Jane Crum 7 and 6; Miss Nelson took Barbara McIntire 5 and 3; Mrs. Probasco came from behind to defeat 17-year-old Anne Quast and Miss Riley outlasted Margaret (Wim) Smith, one up.—United Press.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Lords: Middlesex 325 for five declared and nine for no wicket. Leicestershire 326 for seven declared (Tomkin 121, Walsh not out 57).

At the Oval: Sussex 245 and 12 for two wickets. Surrey 343 for nine declared (Constable 77, McIntyre 81, Laker not out 78).

At Southend: Yorkshire 286, Essex 90 (Trueman, right-arm fast, six for 40) and 144 for five (Insole not out 71).

At Manchester: Lancashire 365 and 72 for three. Combined Services 263 (Cartwright 81, Ainsworth 80, (Smith, right-arm fast medium, five for 39).

At Chesterfield: Derbyshire 169 and 277 for seven declared (Willatt 58, Kelsey 72, Carr 57). Somerset 160 (Tremlett 83) and eight for two.

West Indies Test Umpires Retire

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 24.

Two of the best known cricket umpires in the West Indies, Tom Ewart and Perry Burke, have announced their retirement from Test cricket.

Ewart and Burke, both 35, said they had decided "to quit the strenuous and sometimes ungrateful atmosphere of Test cricket."

They were described by England captain, Len Hutton, during the 1953/54 tour of West Indies by the MCC as "among the best umpires I have met in international cricket."

China Mail Special.

Yachting Today Is No Longer Considered The Amusement Of The Rich

London.

More people sail boats for sport in the world today than ever before.

In Britain, the yacht-building industry has had the biggest boom since World War II. For today yachting is no longer considered the amusement of the rich. It has become a national recreation of the people.

Instead of the teak-decked luxury craft of the past, with their paid crews and millionaire owners, the majority of sailing craft now are small boats—handy ocean racers, cosy family cruisers, racing dinghies or pocket-size boats for juniors, most of them week-end hobbies or homes for ordinary folk.

Although yachting may have lost its social status to become a popular pastime, there has always been a tradition behind it in seafaring countries. Today's boats are often the direct descendants of classic designs remodelled by circumstances or science through the years. But some deplore the loss of art in popularity.

DEVELOPMENT

These developments are reviewed in a new and unusual book on yachts, entitled "An Eye for a Yacht" (published by Faber and Faber—38s.), by a naval architect and yacht designer, Mr. D. Phillips-Birt. "Yachting was as exclusive, as brilliant, as undemocratic as a Florentine palace," Mr. Phillips-Birt recalls somewhat wistfully. "And it was creative. Some of the most original and talented minds in several countries devoted themselves to the creation of yachting fleets—men who might have reached the top in any sphere of imaginative work....

"There are few such men left and they must become fewer, not because there is lack of appreciation for their work but because nobody can pay for them. The practitioners of such an art become rusty when they have to devote themselves to a few small craft each year, all of them much the same."

CREATIVE LIFE

"Before we consider all that yachting has gained by this change—and possibly the credit entries are longer than the debit—it is well to have paused over what has been lost. An art is dying. Yachting may be becoming a better sport but its creative life is failing. Men still dream lovely ships and dreams they remain....

"During what we may call the golden age of yachting, money produced a kind of beauty upon the sea which had never been seen before and which will probably never be seen again. This period may be stretched over three quarters of a century; its effluence occupied perhaps fifty years; today it is dead....

Comparing the development of yachts in different countries, notably Britain and the United States, Mr. Phillips-Birt finds that a legacy of the "golden period" of yachting still remains in hundreds of yachting buildings in Britain, America, Holland, Scandinavia, France and Germany.

Broad differences of types between British and American yachts today, the author believes, may be attributed to differences in sailing conditions, though this is no more than a partial answer. Why, he asks, did the schooner rig flourish in America though never take deep root in Europe? "It does seem," he says "that the irrational power of tradition was at least as strong an influence as geographical circumstances."

TRADITION

The essence of the traditions of British and American yacht design is outlined in six words "deep and narrow, broad and shallow." This brief description is surprisingly close to the facts of a century of history, Mr. Phillips-Birt declares.

Another example of tradition is found in Scandinavia where,

PRIX GEORGES COURTOIS

A PRINCE TO RIDE AGAINST GROUP CAPTAIN

Deauville, Aug. 25.

Prince Aly Khan will ride against Group Captain Peter Townsend in the one million franc (£1,000) Prix Georges Courtois race for gentlemen riders here on Saturday.

Prince Aly Khan will mount Madame Guy Weiswiler's Friendship and Group Captain Townsend Madame Rene Felt's Ponthieu.—China Mail Special.

MR DRURY REPLIES

South China Were Not Treated Shoddily On Australian Tour

Sydney, Aug. 25.

The critical remarks by the Manager of the South China soccer team on the treatment of his team in Australia were "definitely untrue," the Secretary of the Australian Soccer Association, Mr. Roy Drury, said today.

Yesterday Manager Chan Nam-cheung said his team had been treated "shoddily" and that the Australians had been greedy over money.

Mr. Drury said "I will not know whether we have made a profit or a loss from the tour until various States send in returns in two or three weeks. My only worry during the South China visit was to give the Manager 65 per cent of the net gate receipts."

Mr. Drury added: "As for administration let Chan stick to his own business. We know ours."

The Director of the New South Wales Soccer Association, Mr. W. Orr, said he could not understand Mr. Chan's criticism over the hospitality his team received.

"Perhaps his remarks referred to other states or he means the team was not given an official dinner. But they were treated like Royalty in New South Wales whenever the Chinese community gave us a chance to entertain them."

The Secretary of the Victorian Soccer Association, Mr. Stuart Beaton, said the Hongkong team which toured Australia in 1953 made no such complaints.

U.S.—Japan Swim Results

Tokyo, Aug. 25.

The American swimming team led by coach Robert Kipphut today completed a series of international swimming meetings with a Japanese team in Japan. They met the Japanese team at the 7th and last meeting in Japan at a 50-metre pool in Nagoya City, central Japan, including five swimmers who have been sick.

Results: 400-Metres Medley Relay—First, Japan Team; 4 mins. 18.4 seconds (Record); Second, U.S.A. Team; 4 mins. 29.2 seconds.

800-Metres Free Style—Takashi Ono of Japan First; Yukio Aoki of Japan Second; George Green of the United States Third (Time 9 mins. 45.6 seconds).

200-Metres Free Style—Hiroshi Suzuki of Japan First; William Woolsey of the United States Second; and Ford Kono of the United States Third (Time 2 mins. 8.8 seconds).

100-Metres Backstroke—Kelti Ishimoto of Japan First; George Harrison of the United States Second; and William Yorzyk of the United States Third (Time: 2 mins 30.3 seconds).

100-Metres Breaststroke—Kelti Ishimoto of Japan First; Frank McKinney of the United States Second; and Yoshinobu Oyakawa of the United States Third (Time: 1 min. 6.4 seconds).—A new Japanese Record.

Both McKinney and Oyakawa clocked 1 min. 6.8 seconds.—A new Japanese International Record.

100-Metres Free Style—Makoto Tani of Japan First; Noboru Goto of Japan Second; and Manabu Koga of Japan Third (Time: 57.2 seconds).

200-Metres Breaststroke—Masaru Furukawa of Japan First; Hisashi Gomazuru of Japan Second; and Tatsuo Hiroshi of Japan Third (Time: 2 mins 36.4 seconds).—A new Japanese Record.

800-Metres Relay—First Japanese team (Time: 8 mins. 44.2 seconds); Second, American team (Time: 8 mins 50 seconds); Third, American team (Time: 9 mins. 18 seconds).

The American team leaves here by air for the United States on Aug. 28.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER

London, Aug. 25.

Association Football results: LEAGUE DIVISION II. Notts C 2 Barnley 2. Swans 2 2 Middlebrough 1.

LEAGUE III (NORTH). Barrow 2 Bradford 2.

—Reuter.

Kent All Out For 175 In First Innings Against Springboks

London, Aug. 25.

Despite a fine innings by their stocky 27-year-old left-hander, Bob Wilson, Kent followed on 282 runs behind the South Africans at Canterbury today.

In perfect conditions, they were all out before tea for 175, of which Wilson made 70 in two hours and 25 minutes.

Although never thoroughly at ease against the leg spin and googlies of Mansell, who finally dismissed him, Wilson showed an impressive range of scoring strokes.

Perhaps the best of his ten fours was one magnificent drive which flashed Adcock before the fast bowler had ever completed his follow through. This was a glorious stroke but some of his square cutting, especially against Tayfield, was not far behind in quality.

Moss, of the other early Kent batsmen also tried to take advantage of the fast pitch and outfield to play fluent cricket, but without exception, they were dismissed when apparently set for a good score.

UNEXPECTEDLY LOW

Kent's total was unexpectedly low for they reached 160 with half their wickets intact. Then Mansell and Tayfield who was

not at his best, ran through the tail.

Walter behind the wicket caught four of the first five batsmen, and when he stumped Dixon, the eighth man to fall, he stood a chance of equalling the record of seven dismissals in an innings. Neither of the last two wickets came his way however.

Apart from the bowling of Mansell, who bowled 20.5 overs unchanged in taking four for 40, Adcock, a most notable feature of the South Africans' cricket was again their magnificent fielding. The outfield was so fast that any shot of reasonable power that found a gap was almost sure to reach the boundary, yet the Springboks fielded and sprinted so keenly that Kent were deprived of numerous runs.

Fagg and Pheby began Kent's second innings as though intent on clearing the air, but before the close, both were severely with Adcock whose tendency to bowl short invited a succession of punishing hooks and square cuts.

TRANSFORMATION

So in 48 minutes the opening partnership reached 50, Adcock's overs having cost him 32 runs.

When Cheetham called on Murray's medium paced inswingers, however, a transformation came over the batting, neither Fagg nor Pheby could force him away and with Mansell and Tayfield also bowling economically in spells, the last 110 minutes produced only 37 runs.

From Kent's point of view, however, the vital thing was that the opening pair were still together to fight again tomorrow, with the County still 203 behind.

THE SCORE BOARD

South Africans 1st Innings, 487 for eight declared.

Kent 1st Innings. A. Fagg, c Waite, b Adcock 20. A. Pheby, c Waite, b Adcock 17.

Murray 21. R. Wilson, c Cheetham, b Mansell 70.

J. Allan, c Winslow, b Adcock 15.

J. Pettiford, c Waite, b Adcock 17.

Adcock 16. P. Hearn, c Waite, b Mansell 16.

B. Dishart, c Cheetham, b Tayfield 4.

A. Dixon, st. Waite, b Mansell 5.

A. Catt, not out 8.

J. Spangwick, c Wilson, b Tayfield 2.

D. Wright, lbw, b Mansell 7. Extras 7.

Total 175.

Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-59, 3-99, 4-110, 5-143, 6-100, 7-160, 8-100, 9-175.

BOWLING

O M R W. Adcock 10 3 80 3. Fuller 5 0 18 0. Tayfield 23 9 50 2. Murray 9 5 18 1. Mansell 20.5 5 40 4.

Kent 2nd Innings. A. Fagg, not out 48. A. Pheby, not out 37. Extras 3. Total for no wickets 87.

—France-Press.

17-Year-Old Wins Orient Boxing Title

Tokyo, Aug. 25.

Seventeen-year-old Jiro Sawada, of Japan, became new Oriental Lightweight Champion last night with a victory by a technical knockout in the fourth round of a twelve-round title bout held at Tokyo's Gymnasium. About 6,000 spectators watched the fight.

This bout was Akiyama's first defence of the crown since he had regained the Championship by beating Thailand's Onsap Naruphit by a TKO.

Sawada was specially qualified by the Boxing Commissioners' doctor to fight the Champion although he was five years under the Commission's age limit rule.

After the bout Akiyama announced he would retire from boxing after a 15-year career.—Reuter.

Boysen And Moens Fail In Record Attempt

Oslo, Aug. 25.

Audun Boysen (Norway) and Roger Moens (Belgium) failed in their bid tonight to beat Boysen's world 1,000 Metres record of two mins 10.5 secs.

Boysen won the duel in two mins 21.2 secs. Moens, who improved on the world 800 Metres record earlier this month, returned a time of two mins 23 secs.—Reuter.

PRACTICE SHOOT

The Hongkong Rifle Association advises that the next combined Spon and Practice Shoot will be held at Kai Tak "B" Range on Sunday, September 4, at 9 a.m. There will be no shooting at Stonecutters Island on Sunday, August 28.

THE GAMBOLS



AND HERE'S A LETTER FROM THE BANK



WAS A LOVELY HOLIDAY, DEAR SO



DON'T LET'S SPOIL IT BY OPENING THAT LETTER LEAVE IT TILL MONDAY



GOLDEN CHURN



Official Umpire

Mr. C. F. Passos will take over duties from Mr. Bob Marshall as official umpire at the Open Triples Lawn Bowls quarter finals on Sunday at KBGC. It was announced yesterday by the HKLBA.

Mr. Passos will also watch over Open Pairs quarter final matches at KBGC commencing at 5 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 1.

WEEK-END
LAWN BOWLS
TEAMS

The following players have been selected to represent their respective clubs in League Lawn Bowls games to be played tomorrow.

Recreio (Home) vs. P.R.C. at 4 p.m.: R. L. Lau (Skip), J. E. Noronha, S. E. Souza, J. A. Guterres, J. F. V. Ribeiro (Skip), C. C. Pereira, A. M. Souza, J. A. Luz, C. E. Passos (Skip), C. Raza, Perelm, E. M. Alencar, A. P. Pereira.

Recreio (Home) vs. R.C. at 4 p.m.: A. A. Lopes (Skip), A. A. Guterres, A. M. Bopatia, S. J. Laver, C. A. Doreen (Skip), G. A. Noronha, F. G. da Luz, A. A. da Silva, J. A. Bopatia, J. A. Noronha, J. L. S. Alves, J. M. Guterres.

2nd Division (Home) vs. P.R.C. at 4 p.m.: R. L. Lau (Skip), J. E. Noronha, S. E. Souza, J. A. Guterres, J. F. V. Ribeiro (Skip), C. C. Pereira, A. M. Souza, J. A. Luz, C. E. Passos (Skip), C. Raza, Perelm, E. M. Alencar, A. P. Pereira.

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3rd Division (Home) vs. U.S.R.C. at 4 p.m.: C. M. Tazari, A. A. Guterres, A. M. Bopatia, S. J. Laver, C. A. Doreen (Skip), G. A. Noronha, F. G. da Luz, A. A. da Silva, J. A. Bopatia, J. A. Noronha, J. L. S. Alves, J. M. Guterres.

3rd Division (Home) vs. F.C. at 4 p.m.: F. Hambro, C. Raza, E. W. Bopatia, J. F. V. Ribeiro (Skip), C. C. Pereira, A. M. Souza, J. A. Luz, C. E. Passos (Skip), C. Raza, Perelm, E. M. Alencar, A. P. Pereira.

1st Division (Away) vs. Indian Recreation Club at 4 p.m.: D. C. Symons, A. M. Alves, J. E. Noronha, S. E. Souza, J. A. Guterres, J. F. V. Ribeiro (Skip), C. C. Pereira, A. M. Souza, J. A. Luz, C. E. Passos (Skip), C. Raza, Perelm, E. M. Alencar, A. P. Pereira.

2nd Division (Away) vs. Police Recreation Club at 4 p.m.: D. C. Symons, A. M. Alves, J. E. Noronha, S. E. Souza, J. A. Guterres, J. F. V. Ribeiro (Skip), C. C. Pereira, A. M. Souza, J. A. Luz, C. E. Passos (Skip), C. Raza, Perelm, E. M. Alencar, A. P. Pereira.

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1st Division (Away) vs. K.B.G.C. at 4 p.m.: D. C. Symons, A. M. Alves, J. E. Noronha, S. E. Souza, J. A. Guterres, J. F. V. Ribeiro (Skip), C. C. Pereira, A. M. Souza, J. A. Luz, C. E. Passos (Skip), C. Raza, Perelm, E. M. Alencar, A. P. Pereira.

2nd Division (Away) vs. K.B.G.C. at 4 p.m.: D. C. Symons, A. M. Alves, J. E. Noronha, S. E. Souza, J. A. Guterres, J. F. V. Ribeiro (Skip), C. C. Pereira, A. M. Souza, J. A. Luz, C. E. Passos (Skip), C. Raza, Perelm, E. M. Alencar, A. P. Pereira.

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TEN BALLS SEALED FATE
OF SOUTH AFRICA
England Won Despite
Elderly Fielding

By ALEX BANNISTER

The Oval.—England 151 and 204. South Africa 112 and 151. England won by 92 runs.

English cricket can breathe again—thanks largely to the Surrey spinners, Lock and Laker, who were not considered good enough to go to Australia with Hutton's team last winter!

As in the final Test with Australia in 1953, Lock and Laker did all that could be asked of them at the Oval. When South Africa were left to make 244 to win, they dismissed them on a turning pitch for 151 runs.

Between them, Lock and Laker took 15 of the 18 wickets to fall to bowlers in this final Test—two men were run out.

The prize of victory by 92 runs in this fifth Test was also the winning of the rubber by the margin of 3-2, but there can be absolutely no complacency on that score. Rather did England muddle through a series which has caused shocks, surprises, and failures.

England have won the rubber despite batting which has virtually had to be carried by May and Compton and fielding which has never compared with South Africa's. Four catches out of a possible seven were ground.

LUCKIEST BREAK

Luckiest break for England in the decisive last round was to win the toss. The issue was virtually decided in ten balls last week when Keith, Ender, and McLean, on whom South Africa's chances rested heavily, were dismissed. Between them this usually free-scoring trio made six runs in the two innings—a sad failure. Ender bagged a "pair."

The South Africans did not pretend to enjoy the low decision given against McLean. Laker was bowling over the wicket. McLean put his left foot forward and attempted a sweep. He missed, and the ball struck his outstretched leg.

But both he and Ender were guilty of the most irresponsible stroke on such a wicket at such a time. Now with four out for 33 the proceedings assumed an air of inevitability.

Without Hutton the opening batting problem is nowhere near to solution, while our fielding and catching has been shown up in an extremely elderly light.

England has always found it difficult to find players who combine skill with an athletic sense. But the search must go on—or else our men must concentrate on making themselves fit.

Neither can I congratulate the selectors this season, while few have been entirely satisfied with the standard of umpiring.

Prague, Aug. 25.

Czechoslovakia and France, who have engagements with Britain next month, ended their athletics encounter here today when the home side beat France by 120 points to 92 in the 20 events of the men's match and France took the honours of the women's match by 53 points to 52.

Not until the final event, the 400 metres relay, was the women's match decided and then France, whose quartette equalled their national record of 47.4 secs, won the race and the match.

A faulty changeover cost the Czechs a slight lead they held over the first stage, but it was the brilliant final sprint by the year-old Catherine Coppeville which clinched the issue.

FRENCH RECORD

Another French national record in women's events was equalled by Marthe Lambert in the Long Jump with a clearance of 5.77 metres (18 feet 11 inches).

French and Czech records were eclipsed in the men's 3,000 metres steeplechase, Vlastimil Brlica of Czechoslovakia winning in eight mins. 49.8 secs with Julien Soucours of France, third in nine mins. 1.8 secs to beat the French best.

Brlica's time was only two-tenths of a second outside the official world record, which, however, has been beaten this season by a time awaiting ratification.

Alain Mimoun of France clocked his best time of the year with a comfortable win over 10,000 metres in 30 mins. 9.4 secs. He finished strongly to beat Miles Tomis of Czechoslovakia by about 50 yards—Routier.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

The following will represent K.C.C. in the second match of the Liberation Shield against the London Bowls Green Club, on Tuesday, August 30 at 3.45 p.m. at K.B.G.C. (Home): J. A. Guterres, J. F. V. Ribeiro (Skip), C. C. Pereira, A. M. Souza, J. A. Luz, C. E. Passos (Skip), C. Raza, Perelm, E. M. Alencar, A. P. Pereira.

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Diane Leather winning the 880 Yards for Great Britain in the women's match against Hungary at the White City.

She beat Hungary's Aranka Kazi in 2 minutes 9.9 seconds.

Miss Leather, who last year was the first woman to go through the Five-Minute Mile barrier, has brought down the women's world Mile record this year to 4 minutes 50.8 seconds.

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COLONY OPEN RINKS
SEMI-FINALS DRAW

Craigengower's "giant killers", A. V. Lopes, R. G. Laurel, E. R. Rosset and C. R. Rosset have drawn the powerful KCC rink of D. C. Symons, F. Ramechand, G. Madar and F. R. Kermani in the semi-finals of the Colony Open Rinks Championship scheduled for Sunday, September 4, at Kowloon Dock.

The other Craigengower rink, skipped by P. K. Lau will oppose the KBGC quartet of E. J. Liddell, T. Kavanagh, F. Hughes and Jack McKelvie.

Outstanding match in the Open Pairs quarter finals, the draw of which was also announced yesterday, will see two sets of brothers from the same club, fighting things out.

The luck of the draw sees A. F. Pereira and brother C. C. Pereira, facing the Luz brothers Joe and Raoul. Another match which should attract an enormous amount of interest is the Davidson-Gourlay KCC combination who face C. C. Ma and A. H. Seem of KCC.

The draw was also made yesterday for the first round of the Ladies' Open Singles Championship and the preliminary round of the Open Pairs Championship. The Ladies' matches are scheduled to commence on Thursday Sept. 1.

THE DRAW

Both matches at KDC on Sunday Sept. 4 at 4 p.m.: A. V. Lopes, R. G. Laurel, E. R. Rosset and C. R. Rosset (CCC) v D. C. Symons, F. Ramechand, G. Madar and F. R. Kermani (KCC). E. J. Liddell, T. Kavanagh, F. Hughes and Jack McKelvie (KBGC) v P. K. Lau (KCC).

OPEN PAIRS (Quarter-finals) Matches at KBGC on Thursday Sept. 1 at 5 p.m.: W. Davidson and R. E. Courley (KCC) v C. C. Ma and A. H. Seem (KCC). W. Gaffney and W. Hong Sling (KCC) v A. J. Coelho and C. A. Coelho (KCC).

LADIES' TOURNAY The following is the draw for the first round of the Ladies' Open Singles championship. Matches on Thursday, September 1 at 4 p.m.: Mrs. L. F. Coiro (KBGC) v Mrs. M. Duffield (KCC) v Mrs. Good-year (USBC) at KBGC.

OPEN SINGLES (First Round) Matches on Thursday, September 1 at 4 p.m.: Mrs. L. F. Coiro (KBGC) v Mrs. M. Duffield (KCC) v Mrs. Good-year (USBC) at KBGC.

Two Egyptians Scorn Heavy Sea In Channel

Folkstone, Aug. 24. An Egyptian and a Briton called off projected channel swimmers because of bad weather tonight but two other Egyptians shrugged off the weatherman's predictions and took off to make the attempt.

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HOLLYWOOD'S NEW SOB-SISTERS
Time To Change Your
Theme Song, Girls
By KEN SMITH

Whenever one of England's bright young screen prospects departs for Hollywood—which happens with monotonous regularity—I usually add my voice to the many who bemoan the shortsightedness of our British film producers.

But I am now getting a little fed up with the whining that these young ladies indulge in once they make the grade over in America.

Of late it has become practically impossible to pick up an American newspaper without finding Miss Dana Wynter or Miss Joan Collins running down the British film industry.

Admittedly Miss Wynter, before she changed her name from Dagmar to Dana, was not given much opportunity by British producers to set the Thames on fire, but she had the same chance as many other struggling actresses to make the grade.

Now comes the news from Hollywood that this young lady is to apply for American citizenship. So it is doubtful whether we shall see her over here again except through the medium of celluloid.

The news of Miss Collins is rather more disturbing. A report—as yet unconfirmed—says that Joan doesn't care whether or not she ever makes a British film again.

That would be a pity, because we have had proof of her ability in the past. It is common knowledge that Joan was never really happy with any of the films she made over here, and she still maintains that she got a raw deal in Britain.

Personally I think it would be more correct to say that she was not handled correctly. In fact she was probably the most mis-handled actress that J. Arthur Rank ever had.

It was Rank who discovered the lovely Joan when she was a fledgling actress just out of RADA, put her into Believe in Me, and rewarded her performance with a seven-year contract.

At the time Joan told me: "I don't want to be a dreary glamour girl." After several films she became disgruntled about the way she looked on the screen, and after the screening of one of her pictures she said: "Didn't I look awful? They give me all the old tramp parts to play and dig out all the old clothes they can find."

After the break-up of her marriage to her schoolgirl last November Darryl Zanuck signed her to a seven-year contract. Then she said: "I'm not asserting Britain for good. My contract allows me to come back for a film in Europe, plus three months rest a year."

Now comes the report that she is not interested in filming in Britain ever again. To date she has made two films in Hollywood, both as yet unseen over here. The first was The Virgin Queen, with Bette Davis and Richard Todd. The

second, The Girl on the Red Velvet Swing, which had been earmarked for the rebellious Marlyn Monroe.

Shortly she will be en route for Greece to team with Clifton Webb in Boy on a Dolphin. I hope she receives better critical acclaim than the notice she got for Land of the Pharaohs.

GOING WEST

On June 19 I told you the story of how that Marion Brando wanted to make a Western film.

Last week the actor extended an open invitation to writers who believe they have Western stories of an unusual nature to submit them to him.

Brando wants to do a Western as the first production by his own newly-formed company, Pennybaker Prods. His partner in the venture is his father, Marlon Brando senior.

Orson Welles has made a £1,000,000 deal to produce six 90-minute colour films here for sale to the Columbia Broadcasting System for showing on TV in America.

The first will be Tribby, with Welles as Svenall. For the title role he would like his former wife, Rita Hayworth.

CAREER NO. 2

So few child actors mature into film stardom, that when they do it makes news.

Now, at 18, Margaret O'Brien, who gave us the unforgettable Babes on Broadway, Meet Me in St. Louis, The Unfinished Dance, etc., is embarked on her second career, as the romantic lead opposite John Lupton in David Butler's Glory.

London. Films have signed Keith Michell (the young Australian actor who has done so well at Stratford this season) and Ronald Lewis (who was acclaimed for his stage performance in the revival of Mourning Becomes Electra) to long-term film contracts....

Possibility that Judy Garland will visit England with her own revue, which is currently getting rave notices on an American tour....

ON CONTRACT

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AFTER THE RABITS, NOW THE FOXES

London, Aug. 25.

Poultry keepers want the war on
rabbits followed by a wholesale destruction
of foxes. The National Poultry Associa-
tion, with 10,000 members, has made the
request to the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Ministry has declared
"no rabbit areas" in which in-
tensive "mopping-up" is being
carried out, following the
epidemic of myxomatosis.
Altogether 44 counties in
England and Wales have been
covered by orders, under which
farmers and landowners must
kill every remaining rabbit. If
they fail the men of the Minis-
try have power to do the job
themselves.

Now poultry keepers, who
claim losses amounting to mil-
lions of pounds a year, have
asked the Ministry to take
similar steps against foxes,
where rabbits have been cleared.
Rabbits are normally the chief
diet of foxes.

Overtime costs
Mr John Harvey, general
secretary of the Association,
said: "We have had more reports
of losses during the past nine
months than during the pre-
ceding three years."
At the Daily Mail-sponsored
National Laying Trials at Mil-
ford, Surrey, where 3,000 valu-
able birds are kept, foxes mean
£180 worth of overtime a year.
Said Mr A. Denby Wilkinson,
the manager: "To shut up our
houses against foxes means
keeping five men on overtime
for an hour a night from Febru-
ary to October."

"In 35 years with poultry I
have never known foxes so bad."

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THE STORKS ARE FORSAKING DENMARK Disappearing Behind The Iron Curtain

Copenhagen, Aug. 25.

The storks of Denmark, for so many
centuries famous in legend as Denmark's
traditional birds, are disappearing.

The indications are that they are
gradually forsaking Northern Europe in
favour of the Iron Curtain countries.

Half a century ago, there
were upwards of 4,000 pairs of
these birds which migrated each
year to Denmark and made
their nests here. Last year,
only 210 couples and 30 lone
birds were counted.

Hans Andersen, the great
Danish story teller, often wrote
about storks in his famous fairy
tales, and ornithologists believe
that during his lifetime, many
more than 4,000 pairs arrived
every year in Denmark.

Not Only Denmark
Danish ornithologists have
been studying the decline in the
numbers of these picturesque
birds with their long legs and
wide wing span, coming here to
make their untidy-looking nests
on the tops of church towers,
chimney pots, or tall trees. Last
year, the 210 pairs produced be-
tween them 440 young storks.
In 1953 only 177 pairs were
found, with 397 young. In that
year, no fewer than 80 storks
made the long migratory flight
to Denmark alone.

While the number of storks in
Denmark has shrunk to a small
proportion of what it was with-
in living memory, stork migra-
tions to the Iron Curtain coun-
tries, according to Danish
scientists, have greatly increased
during that period.

According to Professor Hans
Johansen, of the Danish Zoolo-
gical Museum, "the decline is
found not only in Denmark but
also in other Western European
countries, where these birds
were formerly seen in large
numbers, although not so
frequently as in Denmark. The

Ornithologists know that they
prefer marshy moors and open
spaces. As a result of the greater
utilization of the land in Den-
mark, these have become fewer.
But observation has shown that
storks can live well in dry and
cultivated areas. In former
years, they often lived in
colonies of 50 or 60 birds, but
even under present conditions of
intensive cultivation of the land,
it is believed that several thou-
sand storks could easily live
here.

Another reason advanced is
that the weather in Denmark
has changed. There has certainly
been a long sequence of wet
and cold summers, and storks
are known to prefer warm
climates.

Another suggestion is that
many birds get killed by flying
into overhead electric cables.
Storks are unwieldy fliers and
cannot change direction quickly
when they see, often too late,
that they are heading for a
cluster of overhead wires.

What is certain is that nothing
that man can do will attract
the storks, although they can
be encouraged by strict regula-
tions to leave them undisturbed
while nesting. Storks are
rigorously protected by law and
there is no question of their
being shot or otherwise harmed
in Denmark.—China Mail
Special.

Strict Regulations

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Radio Hongkong

81.5 K.T.
9.0 The Signal and Programme
Summary: 9.05 Children's Half Hour
"The Adventures of Clara Chair"
by Harry Harrison. No. 7: "Factions
at Leftover Junction" (BBC); 9.30
"Top Tune" presented by Jean
(Studio) The Girls of August chosen
by listeners in their requests; 9.35
Squares Dances. Canon Robinson and
the Pleasant Valley Boys. 10.0
"Viewpoint" A Weekly Magazine
devoted to the Arts. Edited and in-
troduced by Janet Tomblin. "Notes of
an Old Sailor" by Trevor Lewis read
by David Jones. "We Write Now!"
—One of a series of programmes in
which a leading British writer dis-
cusses his work with Walter Allen.
10.10 Weather Report; 10.15 The
News (London Relay); 10.30
Commentary (London Relay); or
Special Announcements; 11.00
The Week-End Landoway
(Harpelchord); 11.30, Take it from
Here. Dick Bentley and Jimmy
Edwards with Wallace Raton. Alma
Cogan. June Whitfield (BBC); 11.45
Time Signal. Music: Love's Labour's
Lost. Requests presented by
Allison Dekker (Studio); 12.00, Radio
Festival; 10.30, Record Roundabout
10.30. Weather Report; 11.00, Time
Signal. Radio News Reel (London
Relay); 11.00, Goodnight Radio. The
light of the South West Radio
Station, Swan-Baden. God save the
Queen; 11.30, Close down.

REDIFFUSION

5.0 p.m. Children's Corner
conducted by Annie Vail; 5.15, Pri-
mary. Requests by Betty; 5.30, The
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

A HESITANT SHARE MARKET

Weekly Turnover Falls
To \$6 Million
NARROW FLUCTUATIONS

By A Special Correspondent

A mood of hesitancy prevailed on the Stock Exchange this week, induced, some brokers felt, by unfavourable world events, and although the market kept relatively steady until Wednesday there were fractional losses yesterday.

All through the week prices have moved narrowly and a glance at the panel below will show that the losses were really trivial. On balance the market closed slightly higher than last Thursday's rates.

The five-day turnover fell again this week—this time by a million to \$6 million.

COPPER PRICE
JUMPS

New York, Aug. 25. Copper consumers today watched the price for the red metal jump another three cents a pound to the highest level in 83 years. Anaconda Sales Company, subsidiary of Anaconda Company, announced a new basis today of 43 cents a pound for electrolytic, effective with shipments of August 25. The rise, traders said, continued to reflect a rising demand in face of a tightened supply situation in the wake of the recent labour troubles. — United Press.

TODAY'S
SHARE
PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$470,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HK Bank 1735 1745

INSURANCES

Unions 3010

Underwriters 1020

DOCKS, ETC.

K. Wharf 74

Duck 20.30 1000 6 26.20

Providence 10.70 10.20

Wheeler 0.40 0.50 0000 4 0.45

LAND, ETC.

HK Hotel 10.20 2000 10.30

HK Land 72.10 73.10 400 73.10

Humphreys 20.10 400 20

Really 2.35

RUBBER

A. Rubber 2.125 2.15 3000 2.175

Trust 1.212 1.215 3000 1.215

UTILITIES

Trans 25.10 500 24.90

Y. Trans 117 110 100 110

C. Light (C) 22.70 22.90

C. Light (N) 17.00 17.20

Electric 40.10 41 1200 40.50

Macao Elec 11.10 11.20

Telephone 33 33.10 500 33.10

INDUSTRIALS

Cement 33 33.10 1000 33.10

Rope 10.90 10.20

STORES, ETC.

Watson 22.70 23

L. Crawford 37.10 500 37

COTTONS

Nanyang 8.60

MISCELLANEOUS

Vibro 20.20 5000 20.40

Yangtze 8.50 500 8.50

Allied 5.90 500 5.90

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local

monetary exchange market this

morning at the following rates:

U.S. \$ (per \$1) 1.21

Sterling (per \$1) 2.15

Australian dollar (per \$1) 1.10

Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 12.40

Singapore (dollar) 1.20

Hong Kong (dollar) 1.20

NEW YORK
STOCK
MARKET

New York, Aug. 25. The steel and non-ferrous shares both sparked the market in a further advance today—its seventh in a row.

Demand for the metals was the big feature, coming on the heels of a three-cent price increase for copper by the Anaconda subsidiary to the highest level in 83 years.

The spurt came in the afternoon and increased market interest, bringing turnover up almost to yesterday's mark at 2,120,000 shares compared with 2,140,000.

Anaconda ran up almost 4 points, Magna more than 6, Kennecott more than 3. Miami Copper and American Smelting nearly 2 each. Aluminum rose more than 3, Kaiser and Alcoa nearly a point each. International Nickel jumped more than 4. Reynolds Metals added more than 2.

Of a total 1,733 issues traded, 505 were higher, 390 lower. New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,730,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 480,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages today were:

30 Industrials 401.27
20 Rails 157.20
15 Utilities 159.42
10 Bonds 159.58
Com. future price index 153.00

CLOSING PRICES

Alden Inc. 45.10

Allied Chemicals 109.10

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JAP COTTON TEXTILE
LIMIT PROPOSALSFALSE SENSE
OF SECURITY

New York, Aug. 25.

Proposals by Japan to limit cotton textiles exports to the US are "designed to have this country lulled into a feeling of false security to the end that legislation on this tariff problem be deferred," according to Mr. Leon Lowenstein, Chairman of the Board of M. Lowenstein and Sons Inc.

In a letter to US Senator Herbert Lehman of New York, Mr. Lowenstein pointed out that American orders for Japanese cottons set a new record in July. Referring to Japanese government-industry moves to curb exports in the face of mounting criticism from US interests, Mr. Lowenstein wrote in his letter:

"I am sure that you realize how important this subject is from the fact that the Japanese industry is concerned about the effect on American public opinion."

"It is my feeling that this move by the Japanese industry is designed to have this country lulled into a feeling of false security to the end that legislation on this tariff problem be deferred."

"I urgently advise enactment of laws setting import quotas on Japanese textiles. That is the only method that can halt this over-hanging danger to the American industry." — United Press.

World Cotton
Markets

New York, Aug. 25.

Cotton prices today turned reactionary after a firm start with the far forward positions leading the downturn.

Diminished hedge pressure and covering in October bolstered the nearby, while later deliveries weakened under rousing by recent buyers and local selling.

Technicians coupled part of the selling with chances for new legislation which would lower price-supports on the next crop.

Administration officials have indicated ways must be found to check the continued accumulation of stocks and to start the orderly disposition of the surplus now on hand.

Agriculture Secretary Mr. Benson indicated the need for legislation to put cotton in a better competitive position with foreign production and synthetic fibres.

A crop summary by a leading spot firm noted fair progress in some eastern belt sections during the week, but most of the area showed rather poor progress with heavy deterioration in some sections. Central belt progress, however, was termed fair, with good progress in the northern portion where conditions were better than normal.

Closing around the lows the list ruled unchanged to 21 points lower. The market opened up 4 to 10 points. New Orleans closed off 4 to 20 points.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month Volume Open Interest
Oct. 14,200 32,000
Nov. 20,500 108,000
Dec. 20,500 108,000
Jan. 14,200 32,000
Feb. 14,200 32,000
Mar. 14,200 32,000
Apr. 14,200 32,000
May 14,200 32,000
June 14,200 32,000
July 14,200 32,000
Aug. 14,200 32,000
Total 142,000 320,000

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today

as follows:

Spot 34.50
Oct. 34.50
Nov. 34.50
Dec. 34.50
Jan. 34.50
Feb. 34.50
Mar. 34.50
Apr. 34.50
May 34.50
June 34.50
July 34.50
Aug. 34.50

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today

as follows:

Spot 33.00
Oct. 33.00
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Jan. 33.00
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Apr. 33.00
May 33.00
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July 33.00
Aug. 33.00

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, American

milling, in pence per lb. were

as follows:

Oct./Nov. 31.44
Nov./Dec. 30.70
Dec./Jan. 30.70
Jan./Feb. 30.70
Feb./Mar. 30.70
Mar./Apr. 30.70
Apr./May 30.70
May/June 30.70
June/July 30.70
July/Aug. 30.70

SAO PAULO

Future closings in cruzeiros

per kilo were as follows:

Oct. 34.10
Nov. 34.10
Dec. 34.10
Jan. 34.10
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Mar. 34.10
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May 34.10
June 34.10
July 34.10
Aug. 34.10

The average price of 15/16

milling cotton at ten design-

ated spot markets today was

33.57 cents. Sales at these

markets totalled 21,447 bales.

—United Press.

New York Foreign
Exchange

New York, Aug. 25.

Canada 1.25 1/2

England-official 2.78 1/2

30-day futures 2.78 1/2

New Zealand 2.77 1/2

South Africa 2.77 1/2

Belgium 2.77 1/2

Pakistan 2.77 1/2

Hongkong 2.77 1/2

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It impossible to give you any

definite reason for yesterday's

trend. Certainly the market

has not fully recovered from

the bank rate shock.

Some brokers think that the

cumulative effect of the Morocco

bloodbath of last week-end, the

deadlock in the Sino-American

talks at Geneva and the Singa-

pore strikes has made investors

apprehensive, resulting in re-

duced buying and some selling.

Under normal conditions these

events would hardly affect the

market at all since its interest

is almost entirely local.

But as a result of recent

weakness a reaction of uncertain-

ty may tend to express itself

more forcefully.

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HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO

Shareholder Critical Of Company's New Issue Proposals

Two resolutions approving the issue of shares, for the re-development of the site of Jardine's building were passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. this morning.

A shareholder, Mr J. Hennessy Seth, said he had intended proposing an amendment to the first resolution offering shareholders one new share for every four held.

Mr Seth added that, unfortunately, the member willing to second his amendment was indisposed and "persons prepared to be associated with opposition to influential boards of directors are hard to find in Hongkong—at short notice, practically impossible."

The first resolution was that 200,000 unissued \$25 shares be offered to shareholders at par.

The second part of the resolution was that no fractional certificates shall be issued, but that shares representing fractions shall be sold and the net proceeds of sale, less the amount of \$25 per each share (payable on acceptance) shall be distributed proportionately among shareholders who would otherwise be entitled to such fractions.

The second resolution was that the Directors be authorized to issue and allot to Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., or to their approved nominees, 100,000 shares, being part of the unissued share capital of the Company of \$25 each at a premium of \$35 per share.

Mr H. D. M. Barton, Chairman, presided over the meeting.

MR SETH'S STATEMENT

Mr J. Hennessy Seth said: "The announcement that this Company had acquired a portion of Jardine's property in the city and re-development of the site would be proceeded with immediately after completion of Alexandra House, was unexpected as it is disquieting."

"Statements from the Chair at annual general meetings stressed the need to re-develop the Company's valuable sites, particularly the Union, King's, York Building group, next on the list, for which, I believe, plans had already been prepared. I assume, therefore, this scheme is shelved for the present."

Shareholders were given no indication at annual general meetings the Company's resources might be used to acquire further sites in the Central district, great emphasis being laid upon re-development of the Company's properties.

"I note from the Chairman's statement he justifies the purchase by expressing the opinion the site is 'one of the most desirable corner sites in the city. This being so, the terms secured by Jardine, Matheson & Co. must have been advantageous to induce them to dispose of the property."

"However, as the property has been purchased at the agreed price of \$6 million, shareholders must accept the situation to that extent. There remains only how the liability to Jardine is to be discharged."

"In the Chairman's statement accompanying the notice convening this meeting, shareholders are informed Jardine has agreed to 'take up' 100,000 shares for cash at the price of \$25 per share, plus a premium of \$35 per share. Stripped of its verbiage shareholders are asked to issue 100,000 shares in exchange for a portion of Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s property."

"The issued capital of the Company is 1,000,000 fully paid shares of \$25 each, and it is proposed to issue 200,000 shares at par to shareholders on the register at September 26, next, in the ratio of 1 new share for every 5 shares held, and if the issue to Jardine is approved, the issued capital will be 1,300,000 shares, of which Jardine will hold 100,000 or 1/13th share in the net assets of the Company."

"One thirteenth share in the net assets of the Company is, I submit, worth considerably more than \$60,000, and that is one of the reasons I am opposed to the issue of 100,000 shares in payment for the property."

"The other reason is that these shares (if issued) have an inextinguishable share in the profits, whereas, by borrowings, interest ceases when the loans are repaid."

"It is unlikely interest on total borrowings for this re-development will be payable in any one year, and I estimate that with the Company's conservative policy in distributing profits, the re-development loans will be repaid after 4 or 5 years."

HIS SUGGESTIONS

"It was these considerations which influenced me to suggest to the Board:

(A) To issue 1 share at par for every 4 shares held,

which will bring in \$6,250,000 in cash, and raise the issued capital to 1,250,000 shares, after-
notably.

(B) To issue 1 share at par together with a premium of \$25 per share, making \$50 per share, which will bring in \$12,500,000 in cash, leaving the issued capital as in A.

"Suggestion A would enable the Company to pay Jardine in cash leaving re-development to be carried out by borrowings. "I put forward 'B' most reluctantly, as I am opposed to issuing shares to members at a premium, but in view of the Board's apparent dislike for a loan liability, I could see no other way, short of further increasing the capital, to meet the Board's objection."

"In both suggestions the issued capital would be less than the proposals submitted by the Board, and the added advantage that the capital would be in multiples of 5 instead of 13. Multiples of 13 will prove awkward when further capital issues are considered."

CHAIRMAN'S REPLY

Replying to Mr Seth, the Chairman thanked him for his remarks and said they would be put on record.

Mr Barton said Mr Seth had raised a number of points, one of which was that he did not know what the Board's intention was regarding the proposed re-development of the Union/King's/York Building.

"I can say it is our present intention to continue development of that property as soon as this property has been rebuilt," he added.

Mr Bunnan Tong who seconded the first resolution said: "I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Directors and the management upon the sound financial position of the Company which makes it possible to raise the necessary share capital for further property development without throwing too heavy a financial burden upon the shareholders."

"The proposal to issue one new share at par, for five old shares when the current market value stands above \$70 per share, well, I am sure, be very welcome to the shareholders of the Company."

"It is particularly gratifying to remind ourselves that the Company's financial position is not based upon any unfair exploitation of the shortage of accommodation in the Colony but has been achieved through a policy of moderate charges combined with sound business practice and good management."

Blonde Missing

London, Aug. 25.

Scotland Yard have asked France and Italian police to trace Jennifer Clare Tollitt, 22-year-old blonde and friend of Stirling Moss, British motor racing ace, who disappeared about a fortnight ago in Europe.

Miss Tollitt, who is also known as Sally Weston, left her home in Bury, Greater London, on August 9 and flew with an aunt to Nice. It was stated today. Two days later she went to visit friends in Italy and her family have not heard from her since.

Sally, as she is usually called, was last seen leaving Nice last week wearing a blue linen suit and carrying a light coloured suitcase—China Mail Special.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We've been talking about romance for two hours—I'd really love a hamburger with raw onion!"

To Challenge Validity Of Exemption Order

Mr Li Po-chun, prominent local businessman, brought 56 actions for possession in the Victoria District Court this morning against tenants who had vacated a block of buildings in 92-91 Connaught Road Central and 185-195 Des Voeux Road Central which were exempted from provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

Mr P. J. Griffiths, representing 17 of the tenants, announced to District Judge Reynolds this morning that he intended to question the validity of the exemption order made by the Governor-in-Council.

Mr P. A. L. Vine, solicitor for Mr Li Po-chun, contended the District Court had no jurisdiction to enquire into this matter.

He added that Mr F. H. Losey, representing eight other tenants, also intended to argue on similar lines.

Judge Reynolds said he would hear these arguments next Friday morning after call-over.

Three writs against tenants represented by Miss P. Losey were withdrawn with costs for defendants on the application of Mr Vine who said that Miss Losey had already given an undertaking that these people would vacate their premises by October 31.

Seven tenants consented to judgment and six of them were allowed to stay until the end of October, but the writs as to the portions they occupy will not be demolished yet.

Six cases where the defendants were absent were adjourned to next Friday for formal proof and substituted services was granted in respect of 15 cases which were also adjourned to next Friday.

COURT'S JURISDICTION

Representing tenants in 92 and 93 Connaught Road Central and 185 Des Voeux Road Central, Mr Griffiths declared that he was going to raise the preliminary point as to the District Court's jurisdiction and that the exemption order had not been made in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance and was therefore null and void.

Mr Vine declared that this was merely an attempt to delay an inevitable order. Mr Griffiths was asking the Court to go behind the Governor's order which the Court had no jurisdiction to deface because it would mean "impugning the Governor's order, and that could only be done by some sort of prerogative writ and before the order was gazetted."

Mr Vine said the Court should not allow its procedure to be used to attempt to delay the exercise of a legal right. The exemption order required that the building be demolished within three months of the gazetting of the order which was on June 24. Demolition therefore had to begin by September 24. Although the Building Authority had power to extend this period by a month it was clear from the order that it was directed these buildings should come down at the earliest possible moment. Moreover, building had already been started and demolition had begun. They were just marking time which was costing

ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HK TEXTILES RESENTED

Mr G. E. Marden's Observations

Resentment at the outcry and accusations levelled against the Hongkong textile industry in the United Kingdom was expressed by Mr G. E. Marden in his printed statement to shareholders this morning at the annual general meeting of the Textile Corporation of Hongkong, Ltd.

Mr Marden said the sponsors of the attacks against Hongkong appeared to overlook Britain's very large favourable balance of trade with Hongkong.

Regret was expressed that it was not possible to recommend payment of a dividend as the cash position of the company did not justify one.

The chairman's printed statement read:

This year under review has been a difficult one, partly as a result of the tightening of import restrictions in those Asian markets which had provided the principal outlet for Hongkong's production.

It would have been still worse but for substantial purchases effected by Korea in the first six months under the United States Mutual Security Act Foreign Operations Administration auspices.

Faced with the necessity of finding other markets local producers turned to Europe and Africa, and in particular there was a substantial expansion of the sales of Hongkong cloth to the United Kingdom.

Even taking into account this increased volume, the Colony's sales to the UK are but a small fraction of Britain's overall cloth imports and it is most disappointing that it has resulted in the outcry and accusations which have been levelled against Hongkong—including a suggestion that protective tariffs be imposed against the Colony.

The sponsors of these attacks appear to overlook Britain's trade with Hongkong and it is most gratifying to all those who have at heart the welfare of the Colony and its important role in British trade that in official quarters no sympathy has been shown with these short-sighted and prejudiced outcries.

PRICES DECLINE

Throughout the year yarn and cloth prices declined steadily and it is only recently that prices have shown a tendency to become firmer.

There was a considerable time lag in the corresponding fall in the price of raw cotton, which did not materialize until almost the end of the period under review, by which time profit margins had virtually disappeared.

Our experience in this respect emphasises the need which I expressed to you last year of a local yarn exchange which could provide hedging facilities. Members will be pleased to know however that since the close of our year the yarn market has become more active and our

sales have been keeping pace with our increased production.

Due to the dock strike in the United Kingdom, certain machinery shipments were delayed and the expansion of our Mill was not completed until May of this year. All the new machinery is now in operation and we are entirely satisfied with its performance.

It may not be considered out of place to state again here that it was all imported from Great Britain, most of it being manufactured by Messrs. Tweedales & Smalley, to which concern we have expressed our full satisfaction.

20,700 SPINDLES

It was necessary to reposition all existing machinery during the expansion of the Mill and much credit is due to the Mill Manager and his staff for effecting this major change with the minimum of interference with normal production. Our Mill now has 20,700 spindles and 165 looms.

Your Directors regret that they must defer recommending the payment of a dividend until such time as the cash position of the Company should justify doing so. Our General Managers had advanced over two-and-a-half million dollars at the end of our year and this advance has now been increased to \$3,850,000. It is hoped that the increased tempo of sales to which I re-

ferred earlier will adjust this position, but you will realise the inadvisability of requesting additional finance for dividend purposes under existing conditions.

Turning to the Accounts, the Fixed Assets show an increase of some four million dollars, which reflects the expansion of our Mill.

Under Current Assets stocks show an increase of two million dollars which was represented almost entirely by finished stocks of yarn and cloth.

On the other side, only two principal items of Current Liabilities call for comment—the increase in Sundry Creditors, amounting to \$1½ million, which mainly represents deferred amounts due for plant and machinery, whilst the other is a new item representing the day-to-day advances from your General Managers to which I have already referred. As I stated, this figure has been increased since the close of the year, but the loan from our bankers has been reduced by two hundred thousand dollars.

Dr the Hon S. N. Chiu presided at the meeting and read the Chairman's statement in the absence of Mr G. E. Marden.

The accounts were adopted, the Hon C. E. Blaker and Dr the Hon S. N. Chiu were re-elected directors and Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell were re-appointed auditors.

Holders of 475,820 shares were present or represented at the meeting.

MR LORD'S VIEWPOINT

London, Aug. 25.

The British textile magnate, Mr Cyril Lord, said today in a letter to the London Financial Times on the case against British cotton imports:

"No satisfactory business can be built up in this country until we have a stable home trade. This state of affairs can never exist until unnecessary imports cease."

"If we import for re-export only and thereby obscure our international commitments, out of a protected home trade would spring virility and initiative which would lead to a leap in exports."

The Japanese are delivering more than 600 million yards annually to our empire markets. We could very well accommodate Hongkong and Indian productions to the detriment of Japan in these markets which Japan supplies now. As the position is presented at the moment, Indian and Hongkong imports come in to the detriment of Lancashire and should be switched to the detriment of Japan."—United Press.

Had 9 Packets Of Heroine

A 52-year-old man asked His Worship Mr. J. A. Fortune to take into consideration his "old age" when he was charged with possessing dangerous drugs without a permit at Central Magistracy this morning.

He was fined \$300 or two months.

Defendant was Wong Hei, of no fixed address. He claimed to have been living in the Colony for the past 15 years.

The prosecuting officer told the court that on August 24, accused was seen by two police constables to be walking in a suspicious manner along Tai Cheung Street. They stopped and searched him, and found that he had in the inner left pocket of his pongee shirt nine small packets of heroine. As defendant could not give any satisfactory explanation as to how he came to possess the drugs he was taken back to the police station for questioning.

Defendant had three previous convictions for similar offences.

Hit Foreman With Stick

A 28-year-old earth cooler was fined \$50 or seven days by Mr J. E. Durling at Central Magistracy this morning when he was found guilty of common assault.

Defendant, Wong Sang, was alleged to have hit the foreman of the construction company he was working for with a heavy stick, causing him arm injuries.

The prosecution told the court that on August 23, Leung Shan-tak, foreman of the construction company, dismissed the accused because he was a casual worker. As the defendant had an earlier grudge against complainant, he took this opportunity to hit Leung on the arm with a heavy stick. The police were called and defendant arrested.

Accused had one previous conviction for simple larceny.

New Director Of Marketing

Mr W. V. Dickinson has been appointed Registrar of Co-operatives and Director of Marketing vice Mr J. Carter, who was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Mr J. Carter has been appointed Assistant Secretary, Colonial Secretariat.

It was also announced that Mr Lee Siu-man has been appointed Probation Officer, and Mr Peter Tang Pei-nan, Assistant Probation Officer, under the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance.

The warrants of H.E. the Governor appointing Messrs E. V. Dodge and A. F. H. Coates to be Special Magistrates have been revoked, it was announced.

LECTURE ON JAPAN

Professor Fritz Machlup, Professor of Economics of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA, will give a public lecture on Japan this afternoon at 5.30 in the staff common room of the Hongkong University.

Professor Machlup is spending a few days in the Colony after conducting an American study seminar in Japan.

The lecture will be under the auspices of the Economics Society of the Hongkong University.

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H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr P. V. Dodge to be a Justice of the Peace for the Colony. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Registry Fees

The Marriage Ordinance, amended by Governor in Council recently, has four additions in the Table of Fees now, according to the Government Gazette today.

For a notice of Marriage there is now a fee of \$1; for a search of the Marriage Registry there is now a fee of \$2; and for a certified copy of any document required by the Ordinance there is now a fee of \$2, with an additional fee of \$1 where the application comes by post from without the Colony.

Two Men Forfeit Their Bail

Two bails of \$200 each were ordered to be forfeited when Wu Yuk-hoi, 29, and Yu Yung-hoi, 25, charged with attempting to export gold, failed to appear before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Both defendants were alleged to have attempted to export 30 taels of gold each on board the ss Seichuan, alongside Kowloon Wharf and Godown, West Point, yesterday.

AGREEMENT IN SIGHT

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Tunisia have they not been learned? As a new Dien Bien Phu or new massacres necessary to at last open its eyes?

"I love France and Morocco too much to accept the destruction of the work of Marshal Lyautey. You have taken in the name of our group and without consulting us, a position which forever compromises the French position in Morocco."

Meanwhile, National Social Republican (RS) President, M. Jacques Chaban-Delmas, planned to call a national executive committee meeting soon to study the North African situation.—United Press.



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